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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

General Miller reports all quiet at Iloilo, and business resumed; all is quiet at Manila. —— Pritchard made a plea in executive session of the Senate for Ewart's nomination; no time was fixed for a vote. —— The Army Reorganization bill debated in the Senate. —— Postoffice Appropriation bill passed the Senate. —— The House considered the Naval Appropriation bill. —— In the court of inquiry on the embalmed beef question a number of officers tesified, and without exception condemned the canned roast beef furnished the troops. —— Count D'Alemanas, in the Spanish Cortes, attacked the generals engaged in the war in Cuba, charging Gen. Linares with treason; the debate was adjourned. —— The Filipino insurgent government issued orders February 15th, directing a rising in Manila, and the massacre of all foreigners, after the extermination of the American army; but the affair did not come off. —— An epidemic of influenza prevails in the greater part of Europe. —— New York markets: Money on call was steady at 2@2½ per cent., last loan being at 2½ per cent.; cotton quiet; middling uplands 6 9-16c.; flour—the market was dull, but nominally steady; wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red 83¼c; corn—spot firm; No. 2 42½@44¼c; oats—spot steady; No. 2 35½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm.

Forecast for To-day.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—For North Carolina—Cloudy; probably rain; fresh south to southwest winds.

Port Almanac--Feb. 22.

Sun Rises	6.41 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.47 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 06 M.
High Water at Southport	5.53 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	9.23 A. M.

The broom corn trust has made a sweeping advance of $30 a ton on broom corn.

There are in London 400,000 people, the families of which are each compelled to live in one room.

The colored brother in Georgia is in luck. The watermelon crop has not been touched by the late freezes.

An exchange rises to remark that "there is no demand anywhere for more silver." Isn't there? Send some more of it along this way and see.

A Connecticut man wagered $10 that he could drink fifteen glasses of whiskey without taking a rest. He won the money, but his funeral expenses amounted to more than that.

An American syndicate has closed a deal for a lot of the largest tobacco manufactories in Havana, and also for a lot of tobacco land and will thus have a string on the Havana cigar.

A Providence, R. I., man who was attacked by the grip got so mad that he attacked his wife with a shot gun and shot her. There are all sorts of grip, but this kind should not be encouraged.

One of the men who had lost his life when the Maine was blown up in Havana harbor, sold his wife eight years ago for a pint of beer. But the Spaniards didn't know this, so they cannot plead that as a palliating circumstance for blowing up the ship.

A Chicago paper tells of a man who attempted to kiss a young lady on the South side, made her mad and he escaped. Perhaps it might have been different if he had attempted to kiss her on the North side.

A Boston alderman visiting Chicago was shocked to see the mayor with a big cigar in his teeth while presiding over a meeting of the aldermen and a number of the aldermen with their feet on the desks. Chicago aldermen's feet are harmless. It is the other extreme that causes trouble.

President McKinley says he is glad he is alive. If he wasn't alive he couldn't have half as much fun distributing offices among his Ohio friends and circling 'round the country, enjoying big banquets, etc. There are lots of people who, under these circumstances, would be glad they were alive.

Running for Congress was first suggested to Representative Dockery, of Missouri, by his shoemaker. Dockery, who was then a bank cashier, didn't think he could make a speech, but his shoemaker did, and billed him as orator at a Fourth of July celebration which came off shortly after. Dockery made the speech, made a hit, was nominated for Congress some time later and elected. He should have a lasting remembrance of that knight of the last. That's awl.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Standard Oil Co.'s barge, the *Carrie L. Tyler*, arrived yesterday.

— The Norwegian barque *Mercur*, Capt. Hansen, has arrived, to Messrs. Heide & Co., from East London.

— There'll be a torrid time in this municipality ten days hence if the political horoscope can be relied on.

— Virginia Carolina Chemical stock was quoted in Richmond Monday at 121 for preferred and 78 for common.

— The Custom House and a number of other public buildings will be closed to day, the occasion being Washington's birthday, February 22nd.

— Gen. Miles was on the stand Monday. Well, there's nothing like variety. The Confederates had him on the run several times during the civil war.

— The STAR is requested to announce that there will be an important meeting of the O. A. N. Club at its rooms to-night at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

— The train due here from Mt. Airy over on the A. and Y. road at 7.05 o'clock last night was more than an hour late. The engine broke down not far from Spout Springs.

— Richard Price, colored, was tried by Justice McGowan yesterday afternoon for assault and battery. Judgment was suspended, the prisoner having entered a plea of submission.

— On account of delay in transportation the fashion plate which should have appeared in the STAR of Sunday did not reach us until yesterday. It will be found on our second page to-day.

— There will be an important meeting of the stockholders of the L. A. W. Race Track Association in the club rooms of the L. A. W., to-night at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

— The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Glavin, wife of Mr. Patrick Glavin, whose death has been announced in the STAR, was held yesterday morning from St. Thomas' Pro-Cathedral at 10.30 o'clock.

— Messrs. Love & Flynn yesterday received a consignment of over 600 partridges and nearly 200 rabbits from a shipper at Siler City. They found ready sale for them at fair prices.

— The Piano Club of the Musical Association will meet this morning at 11 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. A. M. Waddell on Fifth street, and not at 4 o'clock this afternoon as stated in yesterday's STAR.

— The spirits turpentine market opened up again yesterday firm at 43½ to 44 cents per gallon. The price on the corresponding day last year was 33½ to 33 cents. Receipts yesterday only 3 casks.

— Register of Deeds Biddle gives notice in to-day's STAR that delinquent schedule B. tax-payers must pay the amounts due before March 1st, or the accounts will be placed in the hands of a magistrate for collection.

— The A. and Y. train which arrived here from Mount Airy last night passed through a considerable forest fire just above Tomahawk. It was burning over about a quarter of a mile along the A. and Y. track.

— Mr. R. A. Benson, janitor at the City Hall, requests the STAR to state that he is not the R. A. Benson referred to as wanting employment and whose name was published in the list furnished for publication by the Wilmington Labor Bureau.

— The schooners *Jno. I. Snow* and *Wm. T. Parker* were cleared yesterday by Messrs. Geo. Harriss, Son & Co., the former with building material for Samana, San Domingo, and the latter for New York with a cargo of lumber from the Hilton Lumber Co.

— Mr. W. E. Springer, president, announces that there will be an important meeting of the executive committee of the New Hanover Democratic club in its rooms in the Smith building this evening at 8 o'clock. Every member is urgently requested to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Register of Deeds—Notice.
Opera House—Rentfrow's Stock Co.
S. W. Sanders—Pickled salmon trout.
Hartford Fire Insurance Company—Statement.
New Hanover Democratic Club—Important meeting.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Young Man—Position wanted.

At Maxton and Laurinburg.

Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy received notice yesterday that contestant Dockery would take depositions at Maxton, Saturday, 25th, before J. D. Jowers, Notary Public, and at Laurinburg, Monday, the 27th, before W. M. Kelley, Notary Public. Bellamy's counsel at Maxton will be John D. Shaw, Jr., and at Laurinburg Major John D. Shaw and Walter H. Neal. O. J. Spears will represent Dockery at Laurinburg and B. F. McLean will appear for him at Maxton.

A Wise Selection.

The addition of Mr. W. A. Riach to the Board of Audit and Finance will be a positive gain to that already strong body of business men. As General Auditor of the Atlantic Coast Line he has shown special fitness for the class of work he will now be called on to perform in the interest of good, economical city government. The office certainly sought the man in this case, and the selection is an admirable one.

THE REVENUE ACT.

The Jim-Crow Car Bill Passed Its Second Reading in the House of Representatives.

CITY OF WILMINGTON BILL.

Passed its Third Reading in the House New Hanover Stock Law Bill Favorably Reported in Senate—Constitutional Amendment Bill.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, February 21.—The House took up for consideration the revenue act and disposed of five sections. The poll tax was fixed at $1.29, the general State tax at 21 2-3 cents, pension tax at 3 1-3 cents, and school tax 18 cents, making the total property tax 34 cents on the $100 valuation. The income tax is as follows: On gross profits and income from untaxed property, 5 per cent.; on gross income from salaries and fees, public or private, one-half of one per cent. on excess over $1,000; one-fourth of one per cent. on excess over $1,000 to $5,000; one-half of one per cent. on excess over $5,000 to $10,000. Local building and loan companies are taxed as heretofore, but from the value of each share is to be deducted the amount of money loaned on it. This is a new provision and applies only to State associations. There was some discussion in regard to a section taxing bank stock, assertion being made that counties failed to get taxes on $3,000,000 of this class of property. The section has been specially arranged to secure this tax. It provides that taxes imposed for State, county and school purposes upon shares of stock and deposits of non-residents of the State in any bank, building and loan association or banking association (whether State or National) in this State, shall be paid by the cashier of such bank directly to the State Treasurer within thirty days after July 1st of each year, and upon failure to pay the State Treasurer he shall institute action against the bank or building and loan association to enforce the same in the county of Wake, or in the county in which the bank or building and loan association is located.

This section, owing to disagreement as to some details as to collection of tax, was passed over for final action to-morrow. Consideration of the bill will be resumed at the expiration of the morning hour to-morrow.

The Jim Crow car bill, prepared by the Railroad Committee and printed in the STAR last week, passed its second reading in the House to-day by a good majority. It will probably be put on its third reading to-morrow.

The State Guard bill was fixed as the special order for Thursday.

Otho Wilson's resignation as railroad commissioner was sent to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. It was read in both houses, but no action was taken on it.

The following bills were introduced: By Thompson, of Onslow, to withdraw exemption from taxation where persons have invested in trust stocks or securities—this is aimed at Trinity College and other institutions which had trust stock or securities as a part of their endowment. To provide trustees for the negro normal school at Goldsboro. To amend the act establishing the Geological Survey.

By Rountree, to incorporate Wrightsville Beach; to protect partridges in Richmond county; to establish a graded school at Maxton; to extend the time for settling the State debt.

Bills were passed on third reading: To amend the charter of the city of Wilmington. To facilitate the registration of deeds by railroads—Rountree's bill. To regulate the shell-fish industry in North Carolina, and amend the oyster laws of the State.

Bills passed second reading: To establish a dispensary at Whiteville; to incorporate Siloam, Brunswick county; to amend charters of Monroe and Sandford; to authorize Rocky Mount to issue bonds.

In the Senate

there was a great fight over the Greensboro dispensary. Senator Bryan offered an amendment that it be left to the citizens of Guilford county at an election to be held June 1st, 1899. Senator Wilson, of Guilford, said the white people of Greensboro had already settled the matter, and the amendment was a plan to let the negro vote control, against the wishes of the whites. The amendment was defeated, by a vote of 39 to 14, and the bill passed its final reading.

Besides a number of strickly local bills others were introduced for relief of ex-Confederate soldiers and for aid of the Soldiers Home; for efficiency of the colored normal schools of the State; to supply sewerage to A. & M. college.

Senator Justice moved that the Senate take a recess for ten minutes. Lieut. Reynolds was then asked to take the chair while Senator Bryan presented Senator Ward a gold-headed cane, sent by the latter's constituents in appreciation of his services.

Bills were passed to establish graded schools in Morganton; to incorporate Punco and Mattemuskeet Railway Company; to allow Fayetteville to establish an electric light plant.

Bill to codify the school laws was made the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Willard's bill to protect sturgeon was to-day favorably reported by the Fish Committee. His stock law bill has been favorably reported by committee to the Senate.

The constitutional amendment bill was to-day ratified.

IN ABBIE CHADBOURN MEMORIAL HALL.

"An Accidental Courtship" Affords Delightful Entertainment and Nets a Considerable Sum of Money.

The entertainment in Abbie Chadborn Memorial Hall of the First Presbyterian church last night, entitled "An Accidental Courtship" was quite a successful affair, affording much enjoyment for the large company of patrons and netting probably $10, which will be devoted to improvements in the Sunday school library. The programme of the evening consisted of the presentation of the play, "An Accidental Courtship" the rendition of two solos and the serving of refreshments. The participants in the play and the characters they impersonated were as follows:

Miss Emma Northrop—*Miss Priscilla Entwistle*, an elderly but sentimental spinster.

Miss Neppie Barden—*Miss Matilda Entwistle*, her sister, also elderly but more practical.

Miss Rena Johnson—*Miss Penelope Entwistle*, niece of the *elderly Entwistles*.

Master Allie Mitchell—*Harold Entwistle*, Penelope's twelve-year-old brother (a scape grace).

Mr. Russell Foster—*Prof. Johann Humperdinkle*, Penelope's German music teacher, middle age, but impressionable.

Miss Virginia Hoge—*Bridget Malony*, a confidential waiting maid, originally from the Emerald Isle.

The play was quite well interpreted and was received with much enthusiasm.

During the evening Miss Mary Black sang with much effect, "If You Were Only by My Side." Another delightful solo was rendered by Mrs. W. L. Latta. She sang an appropriate love song.

The last feature of the evening was the serving of refreshments, consisting of delicious salads, chocolate, cream, cake, etc. A bevy of charming young ladies served. They were Miss Jannie Hall, Miss Bessie Burruss, Miss Susie Burruss, Miss Mary Wiggins, Miss Sallie Bell Jackson, Miss Virginia Hoge, Miss Neppie Borden, Miss Emma Northrop and Miss Rena Johnson.

To Miss Maggie H. Brown is due especial credit for the success of the evening, she having directed the preparations for the entertainment and the successful presentation of the programme.

REFRIGERATOR CAR SERVICE.

Conference Held in Raleigh by Prominent Truckers With Mr. T. M. Emerson. Better Arrangements Wanted.

The fruit growing and trucking interest of North Carolina is a great industry and is on the increase every year.

The Raleigh *News and Observer* of yesterday contains an account of a conference held in that city Monday night by the executive committee of the Eastern Carolina Truck and Fruit Grower's Association with Mr. T. M. Emerson, traffic manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, regarding some legislation now pending in the General Assembly, looking to an arrangement of a better refrigerator car service for the shipment of truck to the Northern markets. The *News and Observer* says:

The following gentlemen, who compose the board, were present: Mr. W. L. Hill, of Warsaw, president; J. S. Westbrook, of Faison, vice president; W. J. Boney, of Wallace; J. A. Westbrook, Mt. Olive, and J. A. Brown, Chadburn.

The matter was freely discussed by the committee, and Mr. Emerson and Representative Allen, of Wayne, was also present and assisted in the adjustment.

The complaint was the contract held with the refrigerator company by the railroad company left the truckers little redress.

Mr. Emerson was anxious to protect the interest of the truckers and manifested great interest in their wishes. It was a highly satisfactory conference and an adjustment was substantially agreed to which was thoroughly satisfactory to the Association committee and Mr. Emerson; but before the agreement could be final it will have to be endorsed by the refrigerating company.

Mr. Emerson stated that he was quite certain that the terms would be satisfactory to the refrigerating company and the whole matter satisfactorily concluded.

FUNERAL OF MRS. RANKIN.

From St. James' Church Yesterday Afternoon by Rev. Robt. Strange, D. D.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Loiuse Rankin, whose death was announced in the STAR yesterday morning, was held from St. James' church yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The services were impressive conducted by Rev. Robt. Strange, D. D., rector of St. James church, of which she was a valued and consistent member for a number of years.

The interment was made in Oakland Cemetery, where there was a large crowd in attendance upon the solemn occasion.

Mayor Waddell's Court.

Three cases were tried by Mayor Waddell yesterday at the session of the police court.

Wm. Bolden, the negro soldier arrested by Policeman Burnet for carrying concealed weapons, was sent to jail in default of $20 justified bond for his appearnce at the coming session of the Circuit Criminal Court. Ed Murrin, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was dismissed upon payment of cost. Geo. Pitlaw, for being drunk and down, was fined $5, the fine subsequently being remitted upon payment of cost.

PROGRESS OF RAILROAD OFFICE CHANGES.

Several of Old C. F. and Y. V. Clerical Force Here to Take Positions With A. C. L.—Depot Consolidation.

Mr. W. M. Creasy, travelling auditor for the Atlantic Coast Line, arrived in the city last night from Fayetteville, where he has been the past two days directing the consolidation of the depots of the A. and Y. and W. and W. (A. C. L.) roads. Capt. R. A. Southerland, the regular W. and W. agent, assumes control of the business of both depots. The old W. and W. freight depot has been abandoned and the freight of both roads is now handled in the A. and Y. depot. However, there will be no change in the passenger service. Both depots will be used as heretofore until a track can be constructed over which the A. and Y. trains can be run into the W. and W. depot, after which the present A. and Y. depot will be abandoned.

The shops at Fayetteville were closed Saturday and the machinery is being moved to this city. Two extra engines were brought down yesterday morning. They are to be used as "subs," so that those in regular use can be laid off in turn for for repairs.

A number of the C. F. and Y. V. clerical force heretofore employed in Fayetteville have already been transferred to Wilmington and assigned to duty. Those who arrived last night are Mr. O. H. Page, operator and stenographer, who will take a position in Mr. Borden's office, and Messrs. J. V. Bidgood, Charles Haigh, Jr., and J. B. Tillinghast, late of the C. F. and Y. V. Auditor's office, in Fayetteville, who will be assigned to desks in the A. C. L. Auditor's office. Monday evening the clerical force formerly in the C. F. and Y. V. General Passenger Agent's office arrived. They are Messrs. J. A. Huss (chief clerk), Howell Fry, E. R. Robay and R. A. McLean. Mr. W. E. Kyle, late General Passenger Agent, recently appointed Special Agent for the A. and Y., has also been in the city since Monday.

BOARD OF AUDIT AND FINANCE.

Regular Semi-Monthly Meeting Last Night. Routine Business Transacted.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance was held last night at 8 o'clock, according to the decision of the board at its last regular meeting, changing the time for the sessions of the board.

Mr. H. C. McQueen, chairman, presided, and the following members were present: Messrs. Jesse Wilder and C. W. Yates.

The clerk reported that he had given the required legal notice of the change of hour of meeting.

The unfinished business of the meeting of February 10th was then taken up, and the committee which had been empowered to look after the building of the house of detention for suspects and a house for smallpox patients, reported progress and were granted further time. This committee is composed of Chairman H. C. McQueen and Mr. C. W. Yates.

The committee appointed to look after the matter of purchase of fire apparatus also reported progress and were granted further time.

Five bonds, due January 1st, 1899, amounting to $5,000, and twenty-five coupons, due at the same time and amounting to $635, were burned, having been paid.

Bills were audited and approved as follows: Current expenses, $986.94; bonds, $5,000; coupons, $635; interest, $13.94.

There being no further business the board adjourned.

"THE DEVIL'S GOLD MINE."

The Rentfrow Company Pleased Another Large Audience Last Night.

Another large audience greeted the Rentfrow Company at the Opera House last night, and every one seemed well pleased with the performance. They presented "The Devil's Gold Mine," a stirring five-act drama, which was admirably interpreted by the clever troupe. The specialties were also of a high order. The series of animated pictures presented before the last act were particularly well received. They were principally scenes taken from the late war with Spain.

To-night "The Old Inventor," a really high-class society drama, will be presented. As on previous nights, ladies will be admitted free when accompanied by one paid ticket reserved before 6 o'clock P. M. at Gerken's. The Rentfrow Company guarantees the performance to-night to be the very best in their repertoire, calculated to especially please the ladies.

Special Train for Newbern.

The special Fair train for Newbern will leave this morning over the W. & N. R. R. at 7.40 o'clock, arriving at Newbern at 10.45 A. M. Returning, the train will leave Newbern at 4.50 in the afternoon and arrive here at 8 P. M. Quite a number of Wilmingtonians have signified their intention of taking advantage of the low rates and convenient schedule to attend the Fair.

Captain Dodson Out Again.

The many friends of Capt. Dodson, one of the clever and accommodating conductors on the A. and Y., will be glad to learn that he has resumed his regular run, he having been off duty for several weeks, suffering from a very sore eye, caused by getting a cinder in it. He made his first trip yesterday, arriving here with the evening train from Mount Airy.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Bruce Williams, Esq., of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. F. Lewis, of Ivanhoe, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— Mr. D. Reid Williams has returned from a visit to Fayetteville.

— Mr. J. C. Mintz, of Wallace, was a Wilmington visitor yesterday.

— Newbern *Journal*: "Miss Nettie Davis, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. H. W. Simpson."

— Mr. Geo. J. Moore was up from Point Caswell yesterday and made the STAR office a very pleasant call.

— Mr. S. E. Memory, a prominent merchant of Whiteville, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. Hinsley, Miss Whitall and Mr. M. Percival Whitall are at The Orton, registered from Worcester, Mass.

— Mr. A. J. Floyd, a prominent merchant, of Ashpole, N. C., was in the city yesterday calling on the wholesale dealers.

— Mrs. Geo. Shipley, of Peekskill, Pa., Mrs. Robinson Pond and Miss Elizabeth Pond, of Plainfield, N. J., arrived in the city yesterday and are guests at The Orton.

— Mr. W. I. Taylor returned last night from a day's hunt in the country around Currie. He bagged a large string of birds, several rabbits and a half dozen squirrels.

THE REV. DR. J. C. HIDEN.

Sudden Severance of His Pastoral Relations With a Richmond Church.

At an adjourned meeting of the monthly conference of Grove Avenue Baptist church, Richmond, Va., held Monday night, the pastoral relations with Rev. Dr. J. C. Hiden, formerly of Wilmington, were dissolved. The pastor had some time since tendered his resignation, to take effect next August. The Richmond *Times* says:

There were seventy-two present last night. Dr. Hiden presided as usual, but when the matter affecting himself was brought up he vacated the chair to Dr. John H. Dickerson, Sr., and remained a silent spectator of the proceedings.

Mr. Caleb Jacob offered the resolution which provides that relations between pastor and people be at once severed and that he be paid his salary up to the 1st of August. No reason for this was assigned, the advocates of the resolution being silent as to their motives. Friends of Dr. Hiden protested in vain.

A recorded vote was not taken on the adoption of the resolution, but a test vote showed that there were about forty-seven in favor of it to twenty-five in opposition.

Dr. Hiden will, of course, not preach at Grove Avenue again. The church will go to work to select a new pastor. Some of the members will withdraw. After last night's meeting Mr. John H. Dickerson, Jr., the church clerk, resigned. Letters of withdrawal were given those who asked for them.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—2 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—140 bales cotton, 60 casks spirits turpentine, 153 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—6 barrels tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—4 bales cotton, 250 barrels rosin, 35 barrels tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—3 casks spirits turpentine, 108 barrels rosin, 38 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Seabright—4 bales cotton, 70 barrels rosin, 17 barrels tar.

Steamer Driver—18 barrels rosin, 107 barrels tar.

Total—Cotton, 150 bales; spirits turpentine, 3 casks; rosin, 506 barrels; tar, 356 barrels; crude turpentine, 11 barrels.

Funeral of Mr. M. Dowling.

Yesterday afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock, the funeral of the late Michael Dowling was held from the residence, 713 South Eighth street, by Rev. Father Dennen, of St. Thomas' Pro-Cathedral, according to the solemn and impressive ritual of that church. At the conclusion of the services the remains were carried to the Pro-Cathedral, where requiem mass was said, and immediately afterwards the interment was made in Oakdale cemetery. A large number of friends and relatives of the deceased and his family were in attendance upon the services.

A Barber Shop Trouble.

Thos. Wimbish and Bruce Walker, two negroes employed in Yarborough & Murray's barber shop, on Front street, became involved in an altercation last night, as a result of which Wimbish is locked up in the city prison. Wimbish was intoxicated and while misbehaving was put out of the shop. In his attempts to force an entrance he broke out the glass in both sides of the double door.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Important Meeting.

There will be an important meeting this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock of the Executive Committee New Hanover Democratic Club in rooms in Smith building. Every member is urgently requested to attend, as business of much importance will be considered.
WM. E. SPRINGER, President.

AT THE

Unlucky Corner.

Mackerel, MACKEREL, Mackerel.

Pickled Salmon, Salmon Trout.

EGGS, EGGS, EGGS, &c., &c., &c.

Watch next ad.

S. W. SANDERS.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STATEMENT

SHOWING THE CONDITION, DECEMBER 31, 1898, of The Hartford Fire Insurance Company, 53 Trumbull street, Hartford, Conn.

Capital stock paid up in cash	$1,250,000 00
Total income for the year	3,141,155 19
Total disbursements for the year	3,954,454 99
ASSETS.	
Market value of real estate, unincumbered, owned by the Company	$730 695 33
Mortgage loans on real estate, first liens	1,509,700 00
Loans secured by pledge of bonds, stocks or other collateral	14,800 00
Market value of stocks and bonds owned by the Company	6,974,057 99
Cash belonging to Company in office and deposited in bank	890,193 55
Agents' debit balances	211,268 99
Interest due and accrued, and rents	30,187 87
Net amount of uncollected premiums	408,000 00
All other assets detailed in statement	29,331 00
Total assets	$11,198,184 87
Assets not admitted	14,494 67
LIABILITIES.	
Total unearned premiums	$4,953,997 22
Net amount of unpaid losses	520,752 01
Total liabilities,	$5,474,749 23
NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS IN 1898.	
Amount of policies written during the year	$2,685,564 00
Amount of losses and claims incurred during the year	23,323 06
Amount of losses and claims settled during the year	21,267 44
Gross amount of premiums received or secured during the year	49,894 76

President—GEORGE L. CHASE.
Secretary—P. C. ROYCE.
General Agent for North Carolina—F. H. STEDMAN, Wilmington.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
RALEIGH, February 1st, 1899.

I certify that the above is a true abstract from the sworn statement of the The Hartford Fire Insurance Company, as of December 31, 1898, which is now on file in this office.
CYRUS THOMPSON,
Secretary of State.
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Heavy and Fancy Groceries.

We have just received a large and select stock, which we offer to the trade at close figures: Flour, Salt, Molasses, Coffee, Tobacco, Snuff, Bacon, Lard, Soaps, Meal, Rice, Bagging, Ties, Nails, Oysters, Peaches, Cakes, Cheese, Corn Beef, Baking Powders, Teas, Cheroots, Cigarettes, Tomatoes, etc. In fact,

Everything kept in a First-class Grocery Store.

WRITE FOR QUOTATIONS.

WILLIAMS BROS.,
Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants.
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Two Car-loads

Horses and Mules just received and are for sale as cheap as they can be bought in any market. A full supply kept on hand at all times.

F. T. MILLS,
Corner Second and Princess streets. H. L. Fennell's stables. ja 13 tf

Seed and Fertilizers.

R. P. AND WHITE OATS.

Early Ohio, Houlton Rose and Early Rose **Potatoes.**

Kainit, High Grade Acid Phosphate, Dissolved Bone and other Guanos. Get the best.

HALL & PEARSALL,
fe 2 tf Nutt and Mulberry streets.

HORSES, MULES.

I have just received a fresh supply of stock—the best that can be offered on any market—including some extra fine drivers and saddlers. Also, a lot of sec nd-hand stock that will be sold at a very low price. All stock guaranteed as represented or money refunded

L. W. BATES,
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Rentfrow's "Jolly Pathfinders"
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Jolly Specialties. Superb Music.
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W. H. BIDDLE, Register of Deeds.
Feb. 21st, 1899. fe 20 1t

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Seed Oats, all Kinds.
Seed Potatoes.
GENERAL STOCK GROCERIES.
At Wholesale.
McNAIR & PEARSALL.
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450 Bales Best Hay.
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Wholesale Grocer.
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Cross Cut Cigarettes.
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50,000 A. B. and Cycle Cigarettes.
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fe 19 tf

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 22.

EVADING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

President McKinley has achieved the distinction since he has been in office of being a President who can change his views with remarkable rapidity and hold one day views diametrically the opposite of the views he held the day before. The reason of this is because the views of Mr. McKinley are not so much Mr. McKinley's views as they are the views of others who have influence over Mr. McKinley. In his messages to Congress he was as far from expansion as any man in the United States now is, and he never announced a change of views upon that question until he made that Western tour after the protocol was agreed upon when he gave the first intimations of that and he went back to Washington under the impression that expansion was popular in the West. When he came South he was to all intents and purposes an expansionist, declared that our flag had been raised over the soil where our soldiers had been victorious and asked "who would pull it down?" as if there were something unpatriotic or reprehensible in the mere suggestion to pull it down.

It is a well known fact that up to the time our commissioners met the Spanish commissioners in Paris there was no definite conclusion arrived at as to anything save acquiring a base of supplies in the island of Luzon, for which we need not have negotiated with Spain, for that island was after the surrender of Manila in our own possession with the assent of the Filipinos who were co-operating as allies with our forces. If there was any intention to do more than that, to claim more territory, then Mr. McKinley didn't know it or he was playing a deceptive and a very discreditable part in that protocol for he was specific as to Cuba, Porto Rico, and Guam, but as to the Philippines only said that their status was to be determined by future negotiations.

Why this non-committal phraseology? Was it to fool Spain, the Filipinos or the American people, or all three? It led the Filipinos to believe that the intention was to negotiate with Spain to evacuate the archipelago so that a government by the Filipinos might be established without further bloodshed, but when the Filipinos were ignored in all the subsequent proceedings and they were not consulted about anything, when they were the most interested in all that was done, they naturally began to suspect the sincerity and disinterestedness of our friendship. Egged on by British sentiment to take possession of all the islands and influenced by greed for the lands which were reported to be rich in valuable resources, the commission, which first had Luzon only in view, demanded all, but in return agreed to pay Spain a stipulated sum of money. All this without any understanding with or recognition of the Filipinos. Is it to be wondered at that they became suspicious, and resented being bought and sold like chattels? When they did that they were called "rebels," and Aguinaldo, who but a few short weeks before was lauded as a patriot, a liberator and a hero, became a "traitor."

It was impossible that this state of things could last long without culminating in bloodshed, as it has done, most of which, however, was shed by our late allies who were mowed from the face of the earth by our death-dealing guns.

Whether the Filipinos or Americans fired the first shot doesn't matter. It isn't that shot which fixes the responsibility for the blood shed. It was the events which led up to that shot and provoked it. Since that shot was fired and blood shed the expansionists have begun to realize what it may possibly mean and are trying to throw the responsibility upon the Filipinos. The President did this in his Boston speech, as other expansionists had done before, and as he will doubtless he will do in any other speeches he may make or public papers he my write.

To intelligent people who are familiar with the history of the Philippine drama all this is as transparent as glass. Andrew Carnegie belongs to the same political household as the President, but he doesn't believe in forcible expansion and he doesn't believe what Mr. McKinley says about it either, for he sees through the pretence and the effort to evade the responsibility for the subsequent proceedings, which he thus shows in a letter to the New York *World*:

"The President in his Boston speech yesterday makes this extraordinary statement: 'The Philippines, like Cuba and Porto Rico, were intrusted to our hands by the war.'

"On the contrary, the protocol signed as the result of the war provided for the Philippines not "like Cuba and Porto Rico," but expressly reserved them for negotiation with Spain as to their 'future control, disposition and government.'

"The Philippines have been 'intrusted to us' solely by the unexpected demand for them made by the President himself after he had suddenly changed his mind, which was at first that we should not burden ourselves with them.

"The Senate asked him to lay before it his instructions or correspondence with the Commissioners, which would have proved this, but he refused.

"The Philippine burden is not chargeable to the war. This is the President's own Pandora box, his New Year's gift to his country, for which he alone is responsible. Neither Congress nor the people had any voice in the matter. But one need not wonder why he should now attempt to evade the responsibility, since he tells us that "every red drop, whether from the veins of an American soldier or a misguided Filipino, is anguish to my heart." His conscience smites him. No wonder. The guilty Macbeth also cried out, "Thou canst not say I did it!"

Whether the acquisition of the Philippines was wise or foolish, they are upon our hands not by the war but by the President's own act, and he had better stand up like a man and assume the responsibility, asking his countrymen to forgive his mistake if he now sees he has made one.

The pretence that we were compelled to accept the obligation put upon us and possess ourselves of these islands when our commissioners deliberately bribed Spain to turn them over to us for $20,000,000 is one of the rottenest of frauds. We could just as well have demanded that Spain vacate these islands as we could offer to buy them, and we were under no obligation to hold them or to turn them over to Spain. They were not ours to turn over to Spain and consequently we could not do that. We could have had an understanding with the Filipinos, and then offered, if they were willing, a specified sum of money with the understanding that this money should be refunded out of customs, and then let the Filipinos go on and form their own Government, under an American protectorate if need be. All this could have been done, the friendship between the Americans and Filipinos remain unbroken and not a drop of blood shed. No wonder Mr. McKinley is trying to evade the responsibility.

THE AFTERMATH.

Whatever of honor or glory there may have been in the successful war with Spain it is considerably dimmed by the unfortunate and disgraceful wranglings, between those in high position, since the war closed. With strained relations that have culminated in almost open warfare between the Secretary of War and the commander of the army, we have a similar state of affairs existing between the Secretary of the Navy and Rear Admiral Schley, whose achievements the friends of Admiral Sampson are trying to discredit. Personal feeling and professional jealousy are at the bottom of all this, personal feeling with Alger in the case of Miles and professional jealousy in the case of Sampson against Schley.

The Alger-Miles controversy, growing apparently out of the bad beef charges, might have been altogether avoided if Alger's Commissary General had admitted that possibly some of the beef sent to the soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico might have been in bad condition when it arrived, instead of flying into a rage and denouncing Gen. Miles and others who found fault with it as all sorts of liars. It is a fact that much of the beef sent was unfit for use, which might not be considered remarkable after the distance transported and the warmth of the weather when it was delivered. The denial, and the insistance that the beef was good, in spite of all that was said to the contrary, invited dispute, magnified the contention and intensified the scandal, all of which might have been avoided by simply admitting the facts, and properly accounting for them.

The Sampson-Schley controversy could have been avoided if Sampson's friends had been willing to concede to Schley the laurels which he had won, and had not sought not only to deprive him of his laurels, but to reflect upon his ability as a commander and his courage as a fighter.

These two chapters in the supplemental proceedings as to Cuba and Porto Rico are unfortunate and diminish the glory of the achievements of arms that preceded them.

The modern burglar man keeps abreast of the times. Some of them recently at Toledo, Ohio, stole electricity enough from the trolley wire of the street car line to drill a hole in a bank vault.

ANOTHER SUBSIDY.

For several years efforts have been made to get Congress to subsidize a cable from San Francisco to Honolulu. Those efforts did not meet with success, but the annexation of Hawaii, and the subsequent proceedings as to the Philippines stimulated efforts and the subsidizers have succeeded in securing a subsidy of $175,000 a year for twenty years, or a total of $3,500,000. It is a pretty long stretch of wire from San Francisco to Manila, but $3,500,000 ought to lay a considerable string of it.

With Hawaii annexed and the interests we will retain in the Philippines, whether these islands are to be permanently held or not, such a cable becomes desirable, and perhaps essential—desirable for commercial purposes and essential from a military standpoint, for there is no telling when we may become involved with other nations having conflicting interests on that side of the globe. We have no doubt that this was one of the principal arguments used in advocacy of the subsidy. When this cable is laid it will be used as another argument for holding on to the Philippines in order to be in a position to protect it, and this, doubtless, was one of the reasons that influenced some of the expansionists to favor the subsidy, although, of course, they didn't permit that to be known. The expansionists and the subsidy boomers are playing into each others hands.

The next grab in order will be the ship subsidy bill, and the Pacific acquisitions will figure pretty largely in that.

SURRENDERED THE KEYS.

Capt. Day has at last done what he should have done at first, acknowledged the right of the Legislature to take control of the penitentiary, and provide for its management. He has surrendered the keys, and with them his assumption of rights that the Legislature could not deprive him of. In doing this he has done the judicious thing, for if he had persisted in holding on and in disputing the authority of the Legislature, the position, which we should not fancy a particularly fascinating one at any time, would be an exceedingly onerous one, handicapped as he would be from the beginning and in any movement he undertook. He would be a superintendent in name only without authority and with no one to recognize him as such. By the surrender of the keys he has saved himself much worry that would more than counterbalance any possible benefit that he might have derived by contesting for his "rights."

Now that this complication has been disposed of, there is nothing to prevent such action as to the management of the penitentiary as will lessen the burden of the people and make that a much more useful institution than it has been for some years. Let as many convicts as possible be put to work upon the roads and as few as possible be sent to the penitentiary and to the farms, if it be decided to retain farms.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: Our local truckers are now very hopeful that the peas planted before the storm have weathered the severe ordeal and will soon be sprouting and bursting the soil. It was greatly feared that that the recent freeze had killed the entire planted crop.

— Concord *Times*: The entire valuation of property in Cabarrus county is $3,157,637, according to the tax books. The valuation of railroad property is $312,089, or about 10 per cent. of the entire valuation. At average value per acre it would take 38,528 acres of land to equal the valuation of the railroad property.

— Fayetteville *Reporter*: We have the report from Carver's Creek Township that quite a large number of cattle hogs and goats froze to death. Mr. Alex. Mason lost a sow and sixteen pigs; Mr. Billy King two cows; Mrs. Thomas Taylor one cow; Mr. Archie Mason six pigs; and others lost several head of goats, cows and hogs.

— Winston *Sentinel*: The water courses are rising rapidly, owing to the melting of the snow, and for several days rivers and creeks will be on a rampage. There is danger of many bridges being washed away. A number of streams are now past fording. The roads are in a dreadful condition and as they thaw out thoroughly it will be almost impossible to drive over many of them with vehicles, without getting hung up in the mud.

— Greensboro *Telegram:* Another of Greensboro's old landmarks was taken away Saturday night at 10:45 o'clock when Capt. K. Fagan died at his home in this city. He was 78 years old and had been a resident of this city for many years, during which time his face had become familiar to almost every citizen. He was a veteran of the civil war, having served as captain of the cavalry company from the opening of the war until the surrender.

— Greensboro *Record*. J. Van Lindley dropped in to-day and says it is his opinion that we will not have a peach in this country this year. The cold snap killed them in the bud. He says he thinks this is the case all over the country east of the Rocky Mountains, for he has heard from many places and it is the same cry. A day or two of warm weather about the first of the month caused buds to swell and the freeze did the rest. Of course there may be a tree or two not killed—isolated cases—but the great bulk is gone up.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Mr. Walter George Newman, of New York City, brother of Mr. J. J. Newman, of this city, is here to-day to spend a week. They have bought the Union mines below Gold Hill and have 50 men at work there now, and will spend $500,000 in developing the property. The two Newman's have also bought the famous Gold Hill mines. More than $1,000,000 will be spent on the two mines bought in this country. —— Some of the merchants at China Grove made as much as $10 a day last week shipping rabbits.

TWINKLINGS.

— Gallant—"A man is as old as he feels," said the gentleman of the old school, "and a woman as old as she says she is."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— Lawyer.—"Upon what grounds do you wish to sue for divorce?" Client—"Incompatibility of temperament! He writes poetry, and I like to eat occasionally."—*Puck.*

— Miss Stilgirl (sobbing)—"I think it's awfully mean. That horrid Quill girl has been saying that I paint." Miss Meanness—"Never mind, dear, I expect if she had your complexion she'd paint too."—*Tid-Bits.*

— "They say that she is a clever conversationist." "Clever? Conversationist? Why, she's brilliant. She doesn't even need to converse. She can blast a reputation just by the way she shrugs her shoulders."—*Chicago Evening Post.*

— "Juniper married his typewriter to save her salary." "Well, what happened?" "He is now paying a man $10 a week more than he would have to pay a competent young woman for doing the same work, if his wife didn't object."—*Chicago News.*

— His Official Position.—The Struck—"I might have helped you if you had stopped a little sooner. But when you tell me you were an aid-de-camp in the army, I pass you up." The Striker—"But that is just what I was. I sold pies."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— Mild Superstitions.—Watts—"I presume you are not as superstitious as Carter, who won't take a drink on the thirteenth day of the month." Lushforth—"No, I only go this far: I would not take a drink during the thirteenth month of the year.—*Indianapolis Journal*

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— We intend to impress upon the Filipinos our burning desire to save them from themselves if we have to kill the last one of them in doing so.—*Richmond Times, Dem.*

—— There are a few islands that we have not taken yet. Jamaica, Bermuda and Barbadoes are some of them. The fact that these belong to England instead of Spain should not restrain a truly imperialist and thoroughly heroic nation. Sickem! *Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

——It ought not to be a difficult matter to demonstrate to the Bee fCourt of Inquiry exactly what sort of canned stuff and carcasses were sent by the Commissary Department to be used as army rations in Southern camps and in Cuba and Puerto Rico. Not all of the cans and quarters of beef were pitched overboard from the transports, and there ought to be enough of the carrion procurable to make an instructive object lesson for the investigators in open court.—*Philadelphia Record., Dem.*

—— Secretary Long has enlisted the Lord on the side of the administration, and we suppose those who are in opposition will now be accused of impiety. Colonel Bryan has sometimes been charged of too free use of Biblical simile, but he has never gone the length traversed by the secretary of the navy, who, in his effort to find an adequate eulogy of William McKinley, compares his policy to that of "the greatest statesman of all time—Jesus Christ."—*Mobile Register, Dem.*

CORNISH DIALECT.

Some Quaint Terms That Are Common Among the Natives.

"A hitched my foot in the sconce and knacked my nuddick, and A wadn't able to clunky for a fortnight."

Readers of recent popular dialect tales will probably take it for granted that this sentence is Scotch. It is, however, Cornish, and, being interpreted, means, "I caught my foot in the pavement and struck the nape of my neck, and I was not able to swallow for a fortnight."

There are some quaint terms common in Cornwall which have a pleasing savor of their own. The phrase "my dear"—prolonged to two syllables—is not, for instance, any indication of especial affection. It is a common form of address to either man or woman. So also, though with rather more discrimination in its use, is "my dear life."

A young child is mentioned in terms of endearment as "my 'ansome" or "tender dear" or even "tender worm." "Son" and "sonny" are used without the least relation to the age or sex of the person addressed. A son may sometimes be heard speaking to his own father as "my son" or a husband calling his wife "sonny!"

"Young!" means simply unmarried. A bachelor of 80 is "a young man." Of a bride still in her teens it was said that she was "a pretty lot better looking than when she was young!" An old person is not simply old. He is "old ancient." Several New England localisms are found in Cornish speech, as "cricket" for a small stool, "chores" for household jobs and "dowdy" for pudding, though in America the latter word survives only as part of "pandowdy," the delicious deep spiced apple pie of country housewives.

A Cornish anecdote relates that a small boy, left at home to supervise the family dinner while the rest of the household were at church, having, like King Alfred, neglected his duty and allowed the fig pudding to scorch, in his dismay ran to the church and from the doorway made signs to the housewife to come forth. She indignantly signed to him to wait, which for a time he did, but at length, becoming impatient, cried aloud in reply to her further winks and grimaces, to the scandal of the startled congregation:

"Yiew may winky and skrinky as long as yiew du plase, but the figgy dowdy is burnt gin the crock!"—Youth's Companion.

Irish Legal Wits.

The mots of the celebrated wits—Harry Deane Grady, Lysaght and Keller—of the Irish bar early in the present century are now in large measure forgotten. Some few are, however, on record. Harry Deane Grady, a leader of the Munster bar, voted in the Irish house of commons to support the union against the wishes of his constituents, one of whom remonstrated indignantly with him on his intended course of action, "What, do you mean to sell your country?" "Yes," was the cool reply, "and very happy I am to have a country to sell."

Ned Lysaght, a celebrated wit and poet-aster of the period in very embarrassed circumstances, applied to Mr. La Touche, the well known banker, for a place in his establishment. "What situation, my dear Lysaght, could possibly suit you?" said his friend, who felt himself in a difficulty. "Not only one, but two," was the reply. "Pray what are they?" "If you will only, my dear La Touche, make me cashier for one day, I'll become runner the next."—London Law Notes.

The most famous cavalry of antiquity were the Parthians. Their invasion of Judsea 40 B. C. resulted in such terrible devastation of the country that 100 years later the terrors of the Parthian invasion gave the apostle John the idea for one of his most vivid pictures.

The caribou or reindeer of Newfoundland roam over an area of some 25,000 miles of unbroken wilderness. They are magnificent creatures, some of the larger stags weighing from 500 to 600 pounds.

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SHIRT WAIST AND HABIT SKIRT FROM HARPER'S BAZAR

THE shirt-waist design published with habit skirt in this issue and taken from HARPER'S BAZAR is modelled upon the latest designs for the coming season. It has a pointed back yoke, from the point of which six narrow box-pleats extend to the waist-line. The front of the waist is without a yoke, but has a group of outward-turning tucks on each side of the centre box-pleat. The sleeves are easy-fitting about the upper arm, and fit almost smoothly into the cuffs, without gathers. The pattern consists of six pieces, carefully marked and numbered. In using the BAZAR patterns our readers are cautioned to observe the following rules: Always begin to sew bodice seams from the waist-line up, and if the garment extends below the waist, begin again at the waist-line and sew downward. In applying collars or collar-bands always begin at the centre of the back, and stitch first one side and then the other. Full cuff, collar, and belt pieces accompany all patterns which call for such portions.

To make this shirt-waist of silk it will require 4¼ yards 20 inches wide; or to make of gingham or organdie, 30 inches wide, it will require 3¼ yards.

The habit skirt will be found an excellent model where a front gored skirt is desired. As the name implies, this garment has all the elegance of fit required for a riding habit. There is a centre seam in the back, but the opening of the garment is at the left side of the front breadth, where a flap is added which serves for the button holes. This pattern which is published by HARPER'S BAZAR will prove an admirable one for any clinging cloth garments, or for linens, ginghams, or other wash fabrics which have a heavy body.

To make this skirt for a person of medium size requires 4¼ yards of material 44 inches wide.

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The Word "Ale."

What could be more English than the word ale? It carries us back to the banquets of our dead ancestors in Walhalla, and some of its compounds open up vistas into that old England which is fast disappearing, becoming a tale that is told, obsolete itself. Such are alebush, a tavern sign; ale conner, "an officer appointed in every court leet and sworn to look to the assize and goodness of bread, ale and beer." Alecost, the name of a kind of tansy used to flavor the rustic's home brewed, has a good old English look. Yet it bears witness to the mongrel nature of the speech of this mongrel nation, cost being from the Greek kostos, a savory herb of species unidentified. Alegar is eager or sour ale, used as vinegar.—Cornhill Magazine.

What It Proved.

Miss Youngthing—Boo-hoo-hoo! Charley's given me a ring set with a mean little turquoise.

Her Mother—That's an emblem of constancy.

Miss Youngthing—It isn't! It's proof of stinginess!—Jewelers' Weekly.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Nor barque Mercur, Hansen, 680 tons, East London, Heide & Co.

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Stmr Hawes, Black, Clear Run. James Madden.

Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, J H Madden.

Schr Wm T Parker, Lynch, New York, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Schr Jno I Snow, Norton, Samana, San Domingo, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Schr William T Parker—177,771 feet lumber; cargo by Hilton Lumber Co; vessel by Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

FOREIGN.

SAMANA, SAN DOMINGO—Schr Jno I Snow—50,000 feet white pine lumber, 70,000 feet pitch pine lumber, 300 feet doors and windows in packages, 15 kegs nails, 14 rolls rope, 200 pounds copper paints, 2 casks paint oil, 1 barrel tar, 1 cask pitch, 300 pounds oakum; valued at $2,015.27. Cargo by master as agent for W A Linneau; vessel by Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 22, 1899.

SCHOONERS.

D J Sawyer, 288 tons, Kelly, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Cora M, 137 tons, Mitchell, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Melissa Trask, 198 tons, French, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Roger Moore, 277 tons, Small, J T Riley & Co.

St Croix, 190 tons, Torrey, J T Riley & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Venetia (Br) 2,333 tons, MacDougall, Heide & Co.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	7
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	12½
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6½@		6½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½@		5¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	25
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	20	@	23
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	49	@	50
Virginia Meal		@	50
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	75	@	80
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10½@		11½
Dairy Cream		@	11
State		@	10½
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 lbs		@	70
EGGS—℔ dozen	11	@	12
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 00	@	6 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight	3 75	@	4 00
First Patent	4 50	@	5 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½@		8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	53	@	75
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	50
Oats, from store	40	@	45
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas	60	@	75
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted		@	8½
Dry flint		@	10
Dry salt		@	9
HAY ℔ 100 lbs			
Clover Hay	50	@	75
Rice Straw	40	@	45
Eastern		@	75
Western		@	75
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1¾@		1¾
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5	@	7
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 35
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	30 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	15	@	35
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 60	@	1 65
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	11 00
Rump		@	10 50
Prime		@	10 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool	75	@	80
American	70	@	75
On 100 ℔ Sacks		@	67½
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Sage	2 50	@	3 50
SUGARS, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5¾@		5¾
Standard A	5	@	5¼
White Extra C	5	@	5¼
Extra C, Golden		@	4
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½@		4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 50
Common Mill	4 50	@	5 00
Inferior to ordinary	3 00	@	4 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	4
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed	10	@	15

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 44 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 43½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at 90 cents per bbl for Strained and 95 cents for Good Strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady at $1.35 per barrel for hard, $2.40 for Dip and $2.40 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 33@33½c rosin firm, at $1.20, $1.25; tar steady 95c; crude turpentine, nothing doing.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	3
Rosin	506
Tar	356
Crude Turpentine	11

Receipts same day last year.—66 casks spirits turpentine, 730 bbls rosin, 601 bbls tar, 17 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 9–16	cts.	℔ lb
Good Ordinary	4 15–16	"	"
Low Middling	5 9–16	"	"
Middling	6	"	"
Good Middling	6 5-16	"	"

Same day last year middling 5½c.

Receipts—150 bales; same day last year 597.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina Prime, 55 to 60c per bushel of 28 pounds; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Virginia—Extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c; Spanish, 80@90c.

CORN—Firm, 42½ to 47½ cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 90c@$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 12 to 13c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six-inch, $2.25 to 3.25, seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $2.50 to 6.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Money on call was steady at 2@2½ per cent., last loan being at 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 2¾@3¼ per cent. Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486½@486¾ for demand and 484@484¼ for sixty days. Posted rates 484½@485 and 486½@487. Commercial bills 483@483¼. Silver certificates nominal at 59½@60½. Bar silver 59¼. Mexican dollars 47¼. Government bonds firmer. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds firm. U. S. 3's, 106⅞; U. S. new 4's, registered, 129½; do. coupon, 127¾@128½; U. S. 4's 112¾@113⅞ do. coupon, 112¾@113½; do. 2's 99; U. S. 5's, registered, 111¾@112½; do. 5's, coupon, 111¾@112; N. C. 6's 130; do. 4's, 104; Southern Railway 5's 106. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 71; Chesapeake & Ohio 29¼; Manhattan L 113; N. Y. Central 139½; Reading 22¾; do. 1st preferred 64¾; St. Paul 132½; do. preferred 169½; Southern Railway 13; do. preferred 50¾; American Tobacco 170; do. preferred 140½; People's Gas 115⅞. Sugar 140½; do. preferred 114; T. C. & Iron 45; U. S. Leather 7½; do. preferred 72¾; Western Union 95.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, February 21.—Spirits turpentine steady at 44c; no sales. Rosin steady and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, February 21—Spirits turpentine 43¼c; sales 475 casks; receipts 113 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales; receipts 1,910 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of one to three points, as the English advices were unsatisfactory, particularly as to the volume of spot sales at Liverpool—only 7,000 bales, while receipts at the ports over-ran estimates, and there was also considerable selling for Southern and foreign account to depress the market. Later, however, the feeling was decidedly stronger on covering, in anticipation of to-morrow's holiday. Good investment buying developed on a local disposition to believe that the crop movement will hereafter gradually decrease, this view being the reverse of the view taken by foreigners and spinners, who, according to private cables, are holding off in anticipation of an increased movement to follow the generally clear and warmer weather at the South, and also relying upon Neill's reiterated 11,750,000 bales crop, estimated. Last year 176,000 bales came in sight for the week corresponding with this week, now estimated at about 120,000, which would make the deficit about 200,000 bales, contrasted with last season, with some predictions pointing to a much larger deficit before the season ends. The market improved rapidly in the afternoon, being stimulated by a demand from shorts following Washington forecasts for rain during the next twenty-four hours over the eastern section of the cotton belt. At the best point of the day, the market showed an advance of three to five points and was finally steady, one point higher to three lower at the close, under a spurt of realizing.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 6 9 16c.

Cotton futures market closed steady; February 6.25c, March 6.26c, April 6.23, May 6.25c, June 6.23c, July 6.24c, August 6.26c, September 6.14c, October 6.15, November 6.12c, December 6.16c; January 6.17c.

Spot cotton closed quiet and unchanged.

Net receipts 150 bales; gross receipts 1,127 bales; sales 450 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,872 bales; exports to France 100 bales; exports to the Continent 1,661 bales; stock 100,555 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 15,994 bales; exports to Great Britain 28,934 bales; exports to France 100 bales; exports to the Continent 8,442 bales; stock 785,673 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 38,578 bales; exports to Great Britain 42,968 bales; exports to the Continent, 39,452

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From sun and song,
One sapphire hearted morningtide I heard
A jubilant word,
A mellow music syllable from a tree
Spring's herald robin caroled clear to me—
"Free! Oh, free!"

Ah, with what iterant lustihood,
What buoyant mood,
Did I, the ice endungeoned one, reply
To that glad cry!
What sudden visions did it bring to me,
What dream delight, what vanished ecstasy!
"Free! Oh, free!"

Once more the melody and mirth
Of the old earth!
Once more the soft warm whisper of the rain,
The waves of grain,
And all the little laughters that there be
In vine and grass—no more chill secrecy!
"Free! Oh, free!"
—Clinton Scollard in Bachelor of Arts.

Not a Source of Expense.

Belle—I'm so glad Jack has got a bicycle. It has helped his disposition wonderfully.

Nan—His disposition? Why, how could it?

Belle—Oh, when he gets up to give baby a drink and steps on a tack, he is so glad that it is in his foot instead of his pneumatic tire that he doesn't say anything.—Pearson's Weekly.

Breaking In.

"Why did you arrest this man?" asked the magistrate sternly.

"For practice," returned the new policeman. "I'm new in the force, and I wanted to learn how, your worship."—London Answers.

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THE WEB OF A SPIDER

WONDERFUL SKILL EXERCISED IN ITS CONSTRUCTION.

The Intelligence Displayed by the Insect In Manipulating Its Silken Thread Almost Savors of Reason. Photographing a Net.

Dr. Henry Laney of Cumberland, who does considerable experimenting along scientific lines, has been studying the thelyphonides, a species of spider that builds its web over water along streams and rivers, with interesting results. The investigation was made for the purpose of getting photographs of the web. The web was obtained by placing a small wooden frame in the spider's way, and it was quickly covered with the perfectly woven silky thread. After securing the web, which in its natural state is comparatively invisible for photographic purposes, Dr. Laney proceeded first to make it tenacious by spraying it with an alcoholic solution of shellac from a medical atomizer. Though still comparatively invisible after this treatment, the web could be handled with ease without fear of tearing it. To develop the beautiful work of the spider, Dr. Laney, with another atomizer, sprayed the web with a solution of gallic acid, which made it appear as if frost had settled upon it. The web now seemed to be covered with the morning's dew. To complete the effect Dr. Laney captured the spider, put him in the death box and then coated him with shellac. Deftly placing the insect in the web in a natural position, he was sprayed with gallic acid. Using black velvet as a background, Dr. Laney succeeded in photographing one of the most beautiful and delicate pictures found in nature.

Dr. Laney says: "The spider displays wonderful intelligence and mechanical skill in making these nets. Its instinct is far above that of the ordinary animal—indeed it quite borders on reason. When a large spider desires to make a web for himself and he has some distance to stretch it, he does not swing himself, as most people suppose, and let the wind or his own momentum take him where it will. He begins his web by starting the first guy very close up to the corner of the angle. He attaches to the other side of the angle, making a short guy. Each guy increases in length, the spider always using the last guy made to carry the next one over until he attains the position in which he wishes to place his net. The last guy may be 10 feet long and the first one only a foot in length.

"The last two guys become the support of the net. These will each be re-enforced by at least six strands, all laid in the one cable, for the thorough support of the net. After this the spider travels to the point on the cable from which he wants to locate his net, attaches the web to that point and lets drop the next guy, thereby laying the first angle guy of the net. Then he crawls back over the same guy to the top again and repeats the act until he has spun eight strands, which make 33 angular divisions in the net. All spiders, as I have observed, make the same kind of a net, with the same number of strands and divisions.

"Now he proceeds to put in the network by starting from the center, where he attaches his web, then with circular motion traveling from guy to guy, spinning web as he goes, and by its natural moisture sticks it to each guy, carefully carrying the web in his hind feet to prevent it from touching except at the point desired by him. When he has a small distance of the inside completed, he goes to the outside of the net and finishes out any irregular part of the net that does not come within the radius of a circle. After the circle has been attained the same rotary motion is kept up until the net is finished to the center.

"Here comes the most comic feature of net building—the test of the durability of the work by the spider himself. As soon as the net is finished he puts every guy through the severest test by sharp, brisk jerks, seemingly sufficient to tear the whole net to pieces. The spider's antics just then are certainly amusing. If the spider finds the web is not taut, he will go to the end of the guy rope, stretch it until the net suits him and reattach the guy. If the net still seems loose from the center, the guy will be carried from the center to some convenient point to give the net its proper shape. This is only done when necessary, displaying the great intelligence of the insect.

"The nets are perched so as to catch mosquitoes and small insects. The struggles of the prey generally seriously damage the nets. The spider himself in the morning demolishes the rest of the web for the day, with the exception of the main guy ropes, retires to a secluded quarter and again appears late in the afternoon, about 4:30 or 5 o'clock, and renews his net. It requires him about an hour and a half to construct the ordinary web. This work is done every day, rain or shine, and both male and female spiders are equally industrious. The baby spiders are taught industry, beginning net building right after their birth. They will select a corner in the big net of the parent and build a small web with the same accuracy and precision as the older insect.

"While building his net the spider takes no notice of the accumulation of insect life in its meshes, and when his work of building is finished he pounces upon them ravenously, consuming them in toto. You cannot knock or blow these spiders out of their nets, nor can they be taken unawares. When they fall, their own net is attached to them, and they can almost touch the water and then quickly run back on the silken string which they spun while falling. The web is always attached to them. When the main guy of the net becomes too full of insect debris for convenience and comfort, the spider goes out, consuming all before him and at the same time spinning a fine web behind, entirely renewing the guy.

"The silken thread is first liquid, but instantly becomes solidified when it comes in contact with the air, and when the spider drops out of his net, as if falling, it is indeed funny to see him run back again in an instant over the thread which he spun while falling."—Pittsburg Gazette.

Worry and Hurry.

It is not work that makes one so "dead tired." It is worry and hurry. A clever woman once said to a nervous, excited sister, "My dear, don't use a pile driver to pin on a bow of ribbon." It's good advice. It means simply don't use a double or a triple amount of nerve force in the performance of some duty that can be done as well or better with less.

Only 20 per cent of the murders committed yearly in America and Europe are ever found out.

The only animal which is totally dumb is the giraffe.

The Sheik and His House.

When the French came into contact with the Bedouin in Algeria, it was thought that a ready way of civilizing him would be to assist him to build himself a permanent habitation. A sheik who was thus favored was full of gratitude to the French engineers who had built him a house.

"Since my house was finished," he said, "I have not lost a single sheep. I lock them up in my house every night, and next morning I find them all in safety."

"Then where do you sleep yourself?" asked an officer in amazement.

"Oh, for myself, a sheik can live only in his tent!" said the other with dignity.—Household Words.

Willie's Logic.

Willie Smith was playing with the Jones boys. His mother called him and said, "Willie, don't you know those Jones boys are bad boys for you to play with?"

"Yes, mamma," replied Willie, "I know that, but don't you know I am a good boy for them to play with?"—Exchange.

A Cruel Awakening.

Miss Lovey—Ah, no, Harry, it can never be! Jack locked that bracelet on forever and kept the key.

Mr. Hazard—If you want to get out of it, say so. Every fellow in the class gave a girl one, and our keys are all alike.—Jewelers' Weekly.

At every age from 20 to 65 the chances of a single man going mad are much greater than those of a married man.

Ostrich eggs weigh about 3½ pounds each. They are sometimes eaten in Africa.

PRESERVING THE RUINS.

Final and Laughable End of One of Ireland's Old Castles.

One of Ireland's magnificent ruined castles came to its final end in this manner. The ancient seat of the Castlereaghs overlooked Lough Swilly, and it was one of the most princely residences in Ireland. Eventually it fell into decay and was not inhabited.

As usual in such circumstances, when the peasantry wanted to build a pigsty, repair a road or anything of the sort, they took the stones from the ruined castle, which was disappearing piecemeal when one day the then Lord Londonderry paid a visit to his Irish property. When he saw the state the castle was in and reflected on the fact that it was so much identified with the history of his family and even as a ruin was a glory of Ireland, he determined to put a stop to the encroachments that had been made upon it.

Sending for his agent to give him orders that the people were no longer to remove stones from the building, he instructed him to have the place inclosed with a wall six feet high and well coped to keep out trespassers. That being done, he went his way and did not return to Ireland for three or four years. He then found, to his amazement, that the old castle had completely disappeared, and in its place there was a big wall inclosing nothing. Sending for the agent, he demanded to know why his orders had not been carried out. The agent insisted that they had been.

"But where is the castle?" demanded the marquis.

"The castle, is it? Bedad, I built the wall with it, my lord! Is it for me to be going miles for materials with the finest stones in Ireland beside me?"

In telling the man to build the wall Lord Londonderry had said nothing whatever about preserving the castle, which is now a thing of the past. Nevertheless the wall is a good one.—London Tit-Bits.

Scrofula

With Following Symptoms:

Small, hard, movable kernels, or swellings on the neck, eyelids red, and thick with mucous discharges, running sores in the ears, enlarged glands, abscesses and scrofulous sores

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SCROFULOUS BREAKING OUT ON THE SKIN.

Mr. M. J. Rossman, Greensboro, Ga., writes: "I have a lady friend who has been entirely cured of an ugly scrofulous breaking out of the skin by the use of two bottles of Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.), which effected an entire cure. I know of several cases of blood diseases cured speedily by the use of B. B. B."

FOUL SCROFULOUS ULCER CURED BY B. B. B.

ATLANTA, GA., July 2.

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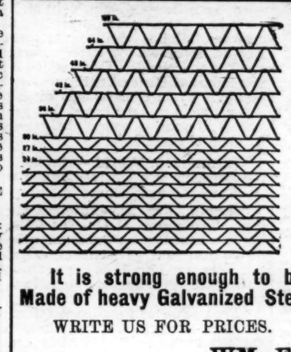

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At the close of Business Feb. 4th, 1899. Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.	
Loans		$ 695,879.57	Capital	$ 125,000.00
Overdrafts		508 33	Surplus	70,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)		95,600.00	Undivided profits	18,448 05
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000.00	Circulation	40,950.00
Due from app'd res've agt's $110 483.68			Deposits U. S. Treas.	$ 50,000.00
Due from other banks	185 166.88		Deposits from Banks	213,477.45
Cash on hand	114,176.13	407,825.19	Deposits from individuals	691,367.36 — 955,415.03
Total		$1,209,813.08	Total	$1,209,813.08

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Feb. 4, '97.	Feb. 4, '98.	Feb. 4, '99
Total Deposits	$589,000	$637 091	$955,415
Surplus and Net Profits	64,100	74,200	88,448

Dividend Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.

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Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:45 A. M., Wadesboro 6:37 A. M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 9:52 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 3:20 P. M., Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:49 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon.

Train 402—Leaves Washington 5:00 P. M., Richmond 9:00 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:33 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 6:01 A. M., Monroe 6:55 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 408—Leaves Charlotte 9:00 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 10:20 A. M., Shelby 11:37 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon.

Train 402—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:20 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:40 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:15 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 408—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:15 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 3:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:35 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:41, noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 6:50 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7.40 A. M.

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NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
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Arrive Fayetteville	12 00 M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 20 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 28 "
Leave Sanford	1 50 "
Leave Climax	2 44 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 15 "
Leave Greensboro	4 25 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 12 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 41 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 18 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 25 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 45 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 09 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 36 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 53 "
Leave Greensboro	12 13 P. M
Leave Climax	12 42 "
Leave Sanford	2 30 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 49 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 52 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 02 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 05 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 03 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 30 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 35 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	4 52 "
Leave Red Springs	5 35 "
Arrive Maxton	6 00 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	10 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOMND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 30 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 15 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 30 "
Leave Greensboro	3 00 "
Leave Climax	3 50 "
Arrive Ramseur	5 30 "

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Schedule In Effect Feb. 6, 1898.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.45 A. M.: No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11.33 A. M., Goldsboro 12.26 P. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.22 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.40 A. M., Philadelphia 3.53 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M.: No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.34 P. M., Warsaw 8.48 P. M., Goldsboro 9.45 P. M., Wilson 10.38 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.35 P. M. Weldon 12.59 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M. Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.33 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.33 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M. New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M.: No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.18 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M.: No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M. Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M., Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.19 A. M., Augusta 7.35 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M.: No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *2.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M.; Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.00 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M.: No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.30 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M.: No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M.: No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.50 A. M., Sumter 8.15 P. M., Florence 10.00 A. M., Marion 10.40 A. M., Chadbourn 11.44 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.13 A. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.37 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.10 A. M., 4.08 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.22 A. M.; 5.35 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M. 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.12 A. M., arrive Latta 10.32 A. M., Dillon 10.44 A. M., Rowland 11.01 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 22.

ADAMS POISONING CASE.

Three Important Witnesses at the Coroner's Investigation, But No Light Upon the Mystery.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Three important witnesses—Mrs. Roland B. Molineux, Mrs. Florence Rogers and Dr. Wendell C. Phillips—were examined to-day at the coroner's investigation of the poisoning of Mrs. Kate J. Adams, and their testimony, though very interesting, threw no light upon the mystery surrounding the case. Cornish was present in the court room most of the day. He evinced much interest in the testimony of Mrs. Molineux, but did not appear at all ill at ease.

While Mrs. Molineux was giving her testimony, Mr. Molineux's mothers at beside her. The witness, though very pale, seemed to be self-possessed and inclined to answer all questions frankly. She said that Molineux had introduced her to Barnet, who had never been a rival of her husband. Barnet had sent flowers and other gifts to her. She emphatically denied that she had ever been photographed together with Barnet. She had, at the sugges tion of her husband, sent flowers and a letter to Barnet, while the latter was ill. She denied that she had ever been on a yatching trip with Barnet, but admitted that she had visited the rooms of Barnet and Molineux, where wine was drunk. She told how she met Molineux and said that she had declined his first offer of marriage. She had never met Cornish and had never heard her husband speak of him in any unfavorable manner.

Early in the day Mrs. Florence Rogers, daughter of Mrs. Adams, was cross-examined at length.

She bore the ordeal well, although many searching questions were asked her. She acknowledged having had a private letter box for several years, because she did not want her husband to know her business affairs. She repeated the story of her mother's death and testified that Cornish had once told her that Bartow S. Weeks had threatened to "run him" (Cornish) out of town.

When Mrs. Molineux was excused from the stand, Dr. Wendell C. Phillips, who, with Dr. Douglas, attended Barnet, told the story of his illness and death. He insisted that when he was first called to Barnet's side that there was no symptoms of diphtheria. There was, he said, evidence of poison in Barnet's condition, and from what Barnet told him he was certain that Barnet was suspicious of the Kutnow powder and that he suspected a certain person of having sent him the powder. Witnesses also testified that from what he had observed in Cornish's case, there appeared to be a marked similarity between his and Barnet's sickness.

EMBALMED BEEF INQUIRY.

A Number of Army Officers Testified and Without Exception Condemned the Canned Roast Beef.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Court of Inquiry engaged in investigating the beef charges preferred by General Miles, continued to-day the hearing of testimony bearing upon the controversy. A number of army officers who participated in the Santiago campaign were heard. Practically, without exception, the officers condemned the canned roast beef, furnished as a travel ration, and reviewed complaints about it which the men very generally made, declaring it unpalatable and wanting in nutriment. On the other hand, refrigerated beef suffered but little at the hands of to-day's witnesses, it being generally conceded that it was good when delivered from the transports, and when it escaped the decomposing effects of the tropical sun en route to the several commands it was found to be satisfactory.

General commissary methods in Cuba were inquired into. Difficulty in preventing taint in beef cooking was experienced generally. There was very little in to-day's evidence pointing to any use of chemicals upon this beef. The contention of General Miles that the army in Cuba and Porto Rico should have been supplied with herds of cattle, or beef on the hoof, instead of refrigerated beef, was supported by every witness who to-day gave his opinion upon this question. A feature of to-day's session was the general assertion of witnesses that they would not have felt it their duty to the men or the army organization to have made any special report upon the beef had it not been for the special orders calling for such reports, but rather would have permitted the unsatisfactory ration to pass without further notice as incident to warfare and to the trying conditions with which the army was confronted at the outbreak of the war. A number of officers testified to the belief that a very small proportion of sickness in Cuba was due to the beef or unwholesome rations, but rather to the climate. The examination of witnesses will continue to-morrow and perhaps all of this week in Washington, and the testimony henceforth is expected to be generally cumulative.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

Further Advance in the Price of Print Cloths and Other Cottons.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—There has been a further advance in the price of print-cloths, regulars marked up to 2¾c and other goods to relative basis. Markets for cotton goods here continues strong, with upward tendency in all directions. Various advances quoted in brown sheetings, bleached cottons, prints and ginghams business comes forward unchecked thereby. The demand is firm and comes upon a market bare of ready supplies of all leading lines of cotton goods. Last week's exports of cotton goods from this port were the largest on record, 27,248 packages; China taking 23,318 packages.

The recent sensational movement in American Tobacco stock, which rose from 132½ on Friday last to 179 yesterday, was understood in Wall street to be a squeeze of the short interest who had sold the stock heavily since the formation of the rival Union Tobacco Company.

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THE DEBATE NOT CONCLUDED

Alleged Public Building Combination. Quay's Indignant Denial—House Proceedings—Naval Bill Under Consideration.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Formal discussion of the Hull-Hawley Army Reorganization bill was begun in the Senate this afternoon. Senators Hawley and Warren, Republicans, supported the measure, and Senators Mitchell and Cockrell, Democrats, opposed it, while Senator Proctor, Republican, addressed the Senate in favor of some amendments which he had proposed to the bill. All the speakers are members of the Committee on Military Affairs.

Soon after the Senate convened Senator Pettigrew, South Dakota, presented resolutions of the Legislature of South Dakota, urging the Senators of that State to support the treaty of peace.

Commenting upon the resolutions, Senator Pettigrew said that he denied the right of the Legislature to instruct him, although he was always glad to hear from the body.

The conference report on the Legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation bill was agreed to.

Senator Allison reported from the Finance committee a House joint resolution amending the act of June 14th, 1898, by adding to it a provision that whenever any bond or note shall be secured by a mortgage or deed of trust, but one stamp shall be required, that being the highest rate required for either paper. The bill was passed.

Public Building Combine.

Senator Quay, Pennsylvania, chairman of the Public Buildings and Grounds Committee, presented a batch of reports favorable to the erection of public buildings in various parts of the country. These reports brought Senator Allen, Nebraska, to his feet with an inquiry as to why certain bills which had been before the committee for a year or more had not been acted upon. He said: "This reporting of public building bills is like the expert shuffling of cards. The favored bills are placed on the calendar in the order in which the committee desires their passage. I make this distinct charge: That there has been no meeting of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds at which these bills were authorized to be reported. If any meeting of the committee has been held, it was a secret meeting. I make this statement simply to call the attention of the Senate and the country to the matter, and not because I expect any change in the methods of the committee."

Senator Allen proceeded to charge that a public building combination existed, and that none but a few favored ones could gain consideration by the combination.

"I want to say to the Senator," replied Senator Quay, emphatically, "that his statement that there is any combination is unwarranted and false. It is not true in any sense."

Appropriation to Pay Spain.

A message was received from the House with the bill passed by that body, appropriating $20,000,000 to be paid to Spain in accordance with the terms of the Paris treaty. It was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Postoffice Appropriation bill was laid before the Senate and its consideration was resumed. Senator Butler, North Carolina, resumed his speech of yesterday. At 2 o'clock the debate closed and the voting began. Mr. Butler's amendment, reducing the amount paid to railways, was defeated—45 to 15. The bill was then passed.

Army Reorganization Bill.

Mr. Hawley was then recognized to speak on the Army Reorganization bill and as he proceeded was given very close attention. He said he did not see how anybody could have voted against taking up the bill, for it was evident to all that something must be done to strengthen the President's arm. He thought there could be no doubt that the Spanish Cartes would ratify the peace treaty within the next two or three days. With this proceeding concluded and the exchange completed, the army necessarily must be reduced to its original dimensions of 27,000 unless some law should be enacted.

Cockrell's Amendment.

Even Senator Cockrell was willing to concede a large army. For this the country should be duly thankful; but for himself he could not sanction the proposition to create large forces of native troops as proposed by the Cockrell bill. He contended that the Filipinos were a revolutionary people, and prophesied that a native force would join Aguinaldo within forty-eight hours after its organization. Hence he predicted a grand and calamitous failure of such an experiment.

Senator Hawley wanted an army of Americans entirely. The President could be trusted. "Are we," he asked, "afraid of our army? It is as much under our control as the key of a piano, through appropriations."

Senator Mitchell, Wisconsin, also a member of the Military Committee, followed Senator Hawley. He criticised the Hull bill, saying that it was not, as claimed, a reorganization bill, as the only material change in the present system was in the artillery. He agreed that there should be a few more troops in this country, but in providing for this increase he would confine it to "the United States proper and not extend it to the United States improper." This remark caused a burst of laughter on the Democratic side of the chamber and with it Senator Mitchell concluded his attack.

Opposition to the Hull-Hawley Bill.

Senator Cockrell, speaking in opposition to the Hull-Hawley bill, agreed that reorganization of the army was absolutely necessary. The necessity for a change had been distinctly shown. It was evident, he said, that either the organization was deficient or the officers were inefficient. Senator Cockrell declared that there was not sufficient time in the ten remaining days of this session to discuss, formulate and pass a perfect reorganization bill, and he added that no bill such as had been proposed should be passed. "We propose," said he, "ample provision for every emergency. We will give the Executive every dollar and every man to sustain the government that is necessary." He then analyzed and explained his bill, offered as a substitute for the Hull-Hawley measure. In the course of this part of his argument, Senator Cockrell maintained that one brigade was amply sufficient for the needs of the United States in Cuba and that a greater force was a menace to the peace of the island.

Discussing Senator Hawley's contention that the additional men provided for in the measure he had reported were necessary, Senator Cockrell said: "We will give you every man and every officer that is necessary, but we are not willing at this short session to fasten upon the country a standing army of 100,000 men and to increase the expenses of the people by millions of dollars. We are offering everything that is fair and just and right. We have no disposition or intention to force an extra session of Congress, and we say to you that every bill that legitimately and of right ought to be a law can be passed at this session. We will give you every man you need, by the extension of the provisions of the present law for two years. That will meet every emergency likely to arise, and in the next Congress we can discuss carefully and considerately a measure for the proper reorganization of the army."

Senator Cockrell at 4.30 P. M. yielded the floor to Senator Pritchard, North Carolina, and the Senate on his motion went into executive session. At 6.02 the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The House reached the last page of the Naval bill to-day and adjourned with a point of order pending against a provision fixing the price of armor at $545 per ton. The provision in the bill went out on a point of order on the ground that it was not limited to the armor to be purchased with the appropriation in the bill, whereupon it was modified to meet this objection and against it the point of order pending an adjournment was raised,

Much of the time to-day was occupied in debating the amendment offered by Mr. Mudd, Republican, of Maryland, appropriating $720,000 to complete the three buildings authorized to be erected at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. The Naval Committee, with the exception of Mr. Cummings, strenuously opposed proceeding with the work of rehabilitating the Naval Academy until comparative plans had been decided upon, but the House overruled the committee and adopted the amendment—75 to 53.

Construction of New Ships.

Two important provisions in the paragraph providing for the construction of new ships went out on points of order. One provided that no more than two battleships—two armored and two protected cruisers—should be built at any one yard, and the other provided that no bid for the construction of ships should be entertained from any firm or company which had not at the time of bidding an adequate plant.

Mr. Grosvenor, Ohio, upon behalf of his colleague, Mr. Bromwell, offered an amendment to name one of the ships authorized in the bill "The American Boy," and to apply upon its cost all contributions which might be received. This amendment went out on a point of order.

Not Entitled to Seats.

Mr. Henderson, Republican, Iowa, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, which investigated the right of General Wheeler of Alabama, Mr. Robbins of Pennsylvania, Mr. Colson of Kentucky and Mr. Campbell of Illinois, who held commissions in the army and members who served on novaris civil commissions, to continue to hold their seats in the House, formally presented the report of the committee, which was in favor of the view that the four members who accepted military commissions thereby vacated their seats in the House. The report went upon the calendar, and Messrs. Dearwood, Democrat, Missouri, and Parker, Republican, New Jersey, were given leave to file a minority report in which they will contend that the same rule should govern members who accepted civil commissions.

Mr. Henderson did not give notice of the time when he would call up the report, but as it is a question of privilege, it can be called up at any time.

The House, at 5:25 P. M., adjourned.

THE SPANISH CORTES.

A Stormy Session—Charges of Treason Against Generals Engaged in the War in Cuba.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, February 21.—In the Senate to-day Count D'Almenas resumed attacks begun by him yesterday upon the Generals who were engaged in the war in Cuba. He complained that chests of gold sent out to the army in Cuba had been returned to Spain intact and unopened, just as they had been sent out. In terms of special severity he criticised Captain Aunon, the minister of marine. Twice he was called upon by the president to withdraw his remarks, and his speech was attended throughout with great uproar.

Marshal Martinez de Campos defended General Linares, who was in command of the Spanish troops at Santiago at the capitulation, against the charge of treason brought by Count D'Almenas, adding that the latter would not dare repeat his charges outside the Cortes. Count D'Almenas essayed to reply, but the president refused to hear him.

Senor Sagasta, the premier, who spoke amid increasing tumult, deplored the attitude of Count D'Almenas and defended the government's conduct. He concluded by calling for the closure.

The debate was adjourned.

THE SITUATION IN PARIS.

Rumors Afloat as to Doings and Intentions of the Bonapartists and Orleanists. Disturbances Threatened.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, February 21.—Rumors are afloat as to the doings and intentions of the Bonapartist and Orleanist pretenders; but the general belief is that neither will do anything serious in the face of the general acquiescence in M. Loubet's election, although further disturbances are threatened after M. Faure's funeral.

The message of the new President sent to Parliament has greatly strengthened the President's position. The agitation fomented by MM. Coppee and Le Maitre against him has incensed the moderate members of La Patrie Francaise, and threatens to break up the organization. M. Bruneetiere and several other members have announced their secession from the league as a protest, and their action will probably prove a great damper upon further disorders promoted by the organization.

EXPRESS CAR ROBBED.

The Safe Opened With a Skeleton Key. About $4,000 Taken.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHERRYVILLE, KAS., February 21.—An Express car on the Coffeyville line, a branch of the Santa Fe Railroad, was robbed to-day, in this city, of a large amount of currency and money orders while Express Messenger Cooper was eating. The safe was opened with a skeleton key. The robbers escaped. It is stated that the robbers secured about $4,000, the Wells Fargo Express Company being the loser.

SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Insurgent Leaders Plan for an Outbreak in the City of Manila.

A WAR OF EXTERMINATION.

But the Plan Failed—Otis and Miller Report That the Insurgent Forces Are Disintegrating—Resumption of Business in Iloilo.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—The War Department has received the following:

"*Manila, February 21.*—General Miller reports on the 19th instant that the insurgent forces a few miles out from Iloilo are believed to be disintegrating. Can maintain his position with his present force. Business in the city is being resumed. He has sent up four representative men, officials from the capital of the island of Negros, where the American flag was raised and American protection requested against a small insurgent force in the island. Affairs there and in Cebu are very encouraging. Shall endeavor to maintain and improve the present promising condition. Affairs in Manila quiet; a small insurgent force, east of the city, was driven away yesterday with considerable loss to the enemy.

(Signed) "OTIS."

WASHINGTON, February 21.—Owing to lack of punctuation and regard to economy in cable tolls General Otis' bulletin is not very clear in some essential points, particularly the reference to the island of Negros. A careful study of the dispatch on that point has convinced the officials here that General Otis means to say that four representative inhabitans of the island of Negros have come to Manila, having been sent by General Miller to meet and confer with General Otis in regard to an extension of American occupation to that island. Negros is the fourth island in the Philippine group in importance. It lies at its nearest point about ten miles from the Island of Panay, and General Miller's forces must have been in plain sight of Negros during the weeks preceding the capture of Iloilo. Just to the east of Negros, separated by a very narrow strait, is the island of Cebu, which it is also a part of General Otis' purpose to occupy. From General Otis' dispatch it is gathered that neither at that point nor at Negros is there likely to be substantial resistance.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The following dispatch was received this afternoon from General Otis:

"*Manila, Feb. 21.*—Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.—The following was issued by an important officer of the insurgent government at Malolas, February 15th, 1899, for execution during that evening and night in this city:

"First. You will so dispose, that at 8 o'clock at night the individuals of the territorial militia at your order will be found united in all of the streets of San Pedro, armed with their balos and revolvers, or guns and ammunition if convenient.

Second. Filipino families only will be respected. They should not be molested, but all other individuals of whatever race they may be, will be exterminated without any compassion, after the extermination of the army of occupation.

Third. The defenders of the Filipines in your command will attack the guard at Bilibid and liberate the prisoners and "presidiarios" and having accomplished this they will be armed, saying to them: "Brothers, we must avenge ourselves on the Americans and exterminate them, that we may take our revenge for the infamy and treachery which they have committed upon us. Have no compassion upon them; attack with vigor. All Filipinos en masse will second you. 'Long Live Filipino's Independence.'

"Fourth. The order which will be followed in the attack will be as follows: The sharpshooters of Tondo and Santa Ana will begin the attack from without, and these shots will be the signal for the militia of Trozo, Rinondo, Quiato and Sampaloc to go out into the streets and do their duty; those of Pako, Ermita, Malate, Santa Cruz and San Miguel will not start out until 12 o'clock, unless they see that their companions need assistance.

"Fifth. The militia of Tondo will start out at 3 o'clock in the morning. If all do their duty, our revenge will be complete.

"Brothers, Europe contemplates us. We know how to die as men, shedding our blood in defence of the liberty of our country. Death to the tyrants! War without quarter to the false Americans who have deceived us! Either independence or death."

WARM WIRELETS.

Municipal elections held in Pittsburg and Allegheny, Pa., with the result that victory has been scored by the Republican ticket in both cities.

Baron Paul Julius de Reuter, formerly of Reuter's Telegram Company, who is over 80 years of age, is lying at the point of death in his villa at Nice.

An epidemic of influenza has prevailed in the greater part of Europe for some time past. In England a mild type of influenza is very prevalent.

An explosion of gas in No. 2 mine at Birmingham, Ala., resulted in the death of R. L. Davenport and William Davenport, brothers, and three negroes.

Senator Pritchard of North Carolina yesterday made a plea in the executive session of the Senate for the confirmation of the nomination of Judge Ewart. No time was fixed for a vote,

The British *Offical Gazette* announces that the decoration of the Imperial order of the Crown of India has been conferred upon Lady Curson, wife of the Viceroy of India and daughter of L. Z. Leiter of Chicago.

No breaks were reported yesterday in the Senatorial deadlocks existing in a number of States. In Nebraska and California there was some change in the voting but nothing developed to indicate that the end was in sight.

Edward Roach, chief engineer of the ill-fated steamer William Lawrence, died last night in Savannah from the exposure and cold he suffered in the wreck. His body will be taken to Baltimore.

Samuel H. Ashbride, Republican, elected Mayor of Philadelphia, to succeed Charles F. Warwick, by a plurality of at least one hundred thousand, over Dr. Horace Hoskins, Democrat, and the Prohibition, Peoples and Single Tax candidates.

Chairman Jones, of the Democratic National Committee, has appointed an advisory committee to the National Campaign Committee, the object being to advance the interests of the Democratic party along the lines of the national platform.

THE AMERICAN CATHOLICS.

The Pope's Letter to Cardinal Gibbons. A Qualified Condemnation of the Hecker Doctrines.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ROME, February 21.—The *Observator Romano*, publishes to night a letter from the Pope to Cardinal Gibbons, saying, that "if the term Americanism signifies qualities peculiar to Americans and usages adapted to their customs, then we have nothing to say against it; but if it denotes the opinions expressed in the 'Life of Father Hecker,' we are convinced that the American bishops will be the first to reject them."

The letter, which occupies five columns in the *Observator Romano*, begins by lauding Cardinal Gibbons and the American Catholics.

Alluding to the many proofs of good will he has given them in the past, the Pope wishes them to see in the present document another proof of his affection for America. While he makes it clear that the letter is one of warning and correction with reference to the 'Life of Father Hecker,' his holiness carefully distinguishes between the doctrinal aspects of the new theories and questions of practical discipline and strongly urges the impossibility of any change in the former. While admitting that the Church has always recognized and acted upon the necessity of adapting certain points of discipline to modern requirements, it rests with the Church, the Pope points out, and not with individuals, to determine how and when such adaptations can be made.

"All virtues," says His Holiness, "must necessarily be active. The contempt shown by innovators for what they are pleased to call passive virtues has naturally led to a contempt of religious life as suited only to the weak and as an impediment to Christian perfection and to the good of the community."

This error the Pope energetically condemns, declaring it "injurious to the religious orders and in contradiction to history."

He reminds the Americans of their indebtedness to the religious orders, both active and contemplative.

The letter arouses deep interest in Rome. The Liberal papers declare that it constitutes a "solemn manifestation of the intransignant spirit in Catholicism," and predict that it will produce an immense effect in America.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Rome correspondent of the *Times* says:

"Generally speaking the encylical is regarded as a qualified condemnation of the Hecker doctrines. It would be erroneous to suppose that it condemns or directly affects Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ireland, or the group of enlightened prelates who have so largely contributed to the spread of Roman Catholicism in the United States.

"It is partly the outcome of a deep laid, long matured intrigue, and, if this is the only result of twelve months' plotting, it is clear that the letter will strengthen rather than weaken the position of the American prelates whom the intrigue was intended to overthrow.

"Throughout the various phases of the bitter conflict which preceded its publication, the Pope displayed a prudence and perspicacity astonishing in a man of his age, placed in a position where unbiased information is not readily forthcoming."

GEN. GOMEZ IN MATANZAS.

Escorted by Military to the Palace—A Reception in His Honor.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Feb. 21.—General Gomez arrived last night at Matanzas from Cardenas. He was met by Major General Wilson, military governor of the department of Matanzas, Gen. Sanger, military governor of the city of Matanzas, and the Cuban General Betancourt, who is in command of the Cuban forces in Matanzas province. From the railroad station he was escorted by the Eighth Massachusetts volunteers, the Second United States cavalry and several local clubs to the palace, where he is the guest of the civil governor.

A reception was given in his honor soon after his arrival, but he did not deliver an address. This evening he was tendered an elaborate banquet.

George F. Baer, president of the Reading Iron Company, to night ordered a voluntary advance in the wages of its two thousand employes, beginning March 1st. The amount has not yet been determined.

Tobacco manufacturers and dealers of Richmond, Va., have set on foot a movement to institute suit against the United States government to recover the amount of tax paid on tobacco under the retroactive clause of the war tariff act.

Democratic mayors were chosen yesterday in Harrisburg and Altoona, Pa. In a number of counties there were interesting contests for school directors, where women were candidates, and in Snydertown, Northumberland county, one of these candidates, running on the Democratic ticket, was defeated by her husband, a Republican.

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AGUINALDO'S EMISSARY.

Agoncillo Reported to Have Sailed from Halifax for London.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HALIFAX, February 21.—From the fact that the name of F. A. Agoncillo appears at the foot of the list of cabin passengers on the steamer Labrador, which sailed for Liverpool this morning, it is confidently asserted that the chief agent of the Filipinos has left this country for Europe. As the first-class passengers for this steamer arrived on a night ship and immediately embarked, no one is able to establish the identity of the passenger registered as Agoncillo.

The Senate Committee on Finance has under consideration the House joint resolution repealing the law establishing a free zone along the frontier of Mexico.

The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds yesterday made a favorable report on a bill to provide for the erection of a new building at Elizabeth City, N. C., to cost $50,000.

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